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Major General Jefferson Burton The Adjutant General

Soldiers, Airmen and families of the Utah National Guard, as we approach the fall, many important decisions are waiting just beyond the horizon. A new Chief of Staff for the United States Army has been confirmed by the Senate and is now in office. Shortly, a new Service Secretary for the Army will also be chosen and confirmed. These important personnel decisions will have significant impact on our Army National Guard for many years to come.

At times like this I am reminded of the importance of relationships in all that we do. What we do locally is simply a microcosm of what happens nationally. We must develop and maintain good working relationships with our teammates if we are going to have successful and capable units. No less important than personnel interaction will be the forthcoming results from the Commission on the Future Force Structure of the Army. Commission findings will be sent to congress in February of 2016. These recommendations, and Congress's reaction to them will form the basis for all Army Force Structure over the next decade.

Over the past several months, I have had the privilege of providing personal testimony to seven of the eight commission members regarding the importance of maintaining combat units in the National Guard. Most pertinent to our state is the retention of Apache helicopters in Utah. As adjutants general, our points have been well received, and I do believe that commission members want to be "honest brokers" in this process. The challenges we face as a National Guard are budget driven and tied to sequestration generally, and the Budget Control Act specifically. These laws require automatic cuts to the Department of Defense, and unless Congress changes or amends these statutes, we will see force structure reductions across all components of the Army.

In spite of the turmoil, the 116th Engineer Company was selected as the Itchner Award winner for the Best Engineer Company in the Army, and the 1457th Engineer Battalion was recognized as the top Battalion when they were selected for the Kerwin Award. Our great Soldiers are daily examples of the professional ethic modeled by our non commissioned officers of BE, KNOW and DO. We are exceptionally proud of them and our entire leadership team!

Some of you have been around long enough to remember our past challenges with Air Force Leadership. Those difficulties were based on personalities, and the conflicts were resolved with the appointment of the new Secretary of the Air Force and the current Chief of Staff. These great senior leaders have been working hand-in-glove to build the Total Air Force into an organization where every component is crucial to mission success. There is no doubt in my mind that the Army's senior leadership has been watching the Air Force's example and will respond in a positive way with future senior-leader selections.

In spite of an unprecedented pace, our 151st Air Refueling Wing has never been busier! With multiple and sustained deployments and critical inspections, the next year will be extremely dynamic and eventful. I continue to be amazed by our Airmen and their families as they handle this demanding operational tempo in stride. In May, I received a letter from the Director of the Air National Guard naming the 151st Maintenance Group as the recipient of the 2015 Air Force Association's Outstanding Air National Guard Flying Unit! This is an amazing achievement, and it demonstrates the commitment and the professionalism of our Airmen in the performance of their mission across the globe.

As we face an uncertain future, one thing is certain — "opportunity will favor the prepared." I appreciate the many personal and family sacrifices that contribute to making this the finest National Guard organization in the entire nation!

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Command Sergeant Major Michael Miller Senior Enlisted Comments

This past quarter was one of great significance, most importantly, it was an opportunity to showcase our Utah Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Corps. In June our state hosted the Army National Guard (ARNG) Best Warrior Competition (BWC) followed by the Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Workshop. Both events were executed above all expectations and without incident. Months of planning, resourcing, and rehearsing with Soldiers from every command made both events a huge success. Additionally, the professionalism within our force was on display and they made the most of the opportunity.

On stage first was the BWC, where top Soldiers and NCOs from the seven regions across the nation came to Camp Williams to compete. Winners earned the right to be named ARNG Soldier or NCO of the year, and a chance to compete at the all-Army BWC. Fourteen warriors competed in a number of events, all of which were planned and executed by our Utah Soldiers. It was back in November 2014 that our state was selected to host this prestigious event, which meant considerably less planning time than in previous years. In spite of time constraints, our team was able to create a first-class environment that didn't just test the warriors, but also afforded them training that most had never experienced before, and may never see again. Over the course of six months of continuous planning and rehearsing, the team put on the four-day event that crowned the best Soldier and NCO. It also showcased the type of force we are so fortunate to have in our state--one of professionalism, commitment and capability.

We closed out the BWC with a great ceremony packed with senior leaders from across the country to include: Lt. Governor Spencer Cox; our TAG, Maj. Gen. Jefferson Burton; and the ARNG CSM, CSM Brunk Conley. This was a fitting end to a professional event that others will strive to emulate and remember for years to come. The next morning as the team began wrapping up the competition the CSM Workshop was underway. This two-day event was held at the Camp Williams Readiness Center and was another very successful mission made possible by our force and all its hard work. This workshop brought State CSMs from every state and territory, along with numerous Army leaders to include the Cyber Command SEL, NORTHCOM SEL, TRADOC CSM, and the Sergeant Major of the Army, SMA Dailey.

Throughout the entire week I was in awe of our team, not just for what they did for these two missions, but for what they do for every mission. I am honored and humbled to serve with what I believe is the strongest NCO Corps the military has to offer. Whether it is hosting the ARNG BWC, serving down range, responding to an incident in our state, or just the day-to-day requirements of leading Soldiers, Airmen and their families, our NCOs are always ready and will deliver above expectation. It's my belief the reason for our success is that our leaders put others before themselves, lean on the support we enjoy from our loved ones, and follow the foundational pillar of trust--trust of themselves, their leaders, and those they serve with. What an awesome opportunity I have to wake up each day, don this uniform and serve with such a first-class team of Soldiers and Airmen.



19th Special Forces Soldiers' Deployment Ceremony

Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton addresses members of the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and their families during a deployment ceremony Aug. 10.

Story by Capt. Ryan Sutherland

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton spoke at a departure ceremony for 26 Soldiers of the Utah Army National Guard's 19th Special Forces (Airborne) on Aug. 10, in the Scott Lundell Readiness Center auditorium.

"Deployments can hurt you or they can strengthen you; use this as fuel to make you a better person," Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton told the troops.

The mission of these Soldiers is to provide operational support to coalition forces involved in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in Afghanistan.

"There's actually a wide range, as far as our military mission, of what we'll be doing," said Capt. Jonathan

Photos by Spc. Spencer Wilson

Bingham. "It's an exciting time for us to validate all the training that we've done, and we look forward to it, but at the same time, it is hard for us to leave our families."

Deploying Soldiers will first travel to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for several weeks of deployment-specific training before heading overseas for a 12-month deployment.

"If we don't take the fight to the terrorists, they'll bring it here to us, so I'd much rather go and do what we've signed up to do there than have them come find us here," added Bingham. "We'll be back soon, and [you have] nothing to worry about." 🇺🇸



Members of the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and their families during their deployment ceremony at Camp Williams.



Departure Ceremony for Utah National Guard Military Intelligence Soldiers

Eleven deploying Soldiers with the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion at their departure ceremony on July 25.

Story and photos by Ileen Kennedy

DRAPER, Utah — Brig. Gen. Kenneth Gammon addressed 11 Soldiers of the Utah Army National Guard's 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion at a departure ceremony on July 25, in the Draper headquarters auditorium.

"The 142nd has a long tradition of excellence, so as you go downrange, remember who you represent and what you represent," said Gammon. "As you go downrange I want you to think about three things--take care of yourself, take care of your buddy and take care of the mission. If you do those three things you'll be successful when you come back."

The mission of these Soldiers is to provide intelligence support to coalition forces involved in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

"To go over and serve and help their country--it is a privilege to be able to do that," said Warrant Officer 1 Heather White. "I'm excited to be able to go; it's why I trained and why I joined the military."

"I know that the individuals that I'm going over with are incredible and very talented. They put their full heart and soul into conducting the mission and accomplishing what we are going there to accomplish," continued White. "We will get it done."

Deploying Soldiers will first travel to Fort Hood, Texas, for several weeks of deployment-specific training before heading overseas for a 12-month deployment.

"We've been away from each other for periods of time before--just not this length of time," said Staff Sgt. Jason Boren referring to his wife he is leaving behind. "But I signed up to serve our country and support people back home and the freedoms that we enjoy here."

"Families are critical in support of Soldiers and Airmen, but especially during deployment," said Gammon. "Without our families we couldn't get to where we need to be. Families, thank you for your support." 🇺🇸



Warrant Officer Heather White, center, talks with senior leaders after her unit's deployment ceremony in Draper.



Staff Sgt. Jason Boren and his family at Draper headquarters July 25.



Members of the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion at their departure ceremony in the Draper headquarters auditorium.

Utah Guardmembers Now Part of 101st Airborne Division



Story and photos by Lt. Col. Steve Fairbourn

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — Fifty-three Utah Guardmembers of the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade realigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) as Commander Maj. Gen. Gary J. Volesky conducted the “Old Abe” patch ceremony at Tarbet Field on Camp Williams June 19, 2015.

“Today we get to welcome Soldiers from the Beehive State as they are assigned to the 101st Airborne Division Air Assault as part of the Army’s multi-component-unit redesign,” said Volesky. “This patching ceremony

continues the progress that we have made over the past 14 years of completely integrating the active, Reserve, and National Guard components as we continue to prepare to deploy, fight and win.”

The multi-component unit (MCU) is a new and innovative concept to incorporate Reserve and National Guard elements to replace critical enablers cut from the active-duty structure due to budget constraints. These members realigned to the 101st Airborne Division, an active-duty unit stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, as it converts to an MCU Division Headquarters that mans, trains, and equips U.S. Reserve and Army National Guard (ARNG) elements.



Maj. Gen. Gary J. Volesky, commander of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), provides comments at patching ceremony June 19.



Maj. Gen. Gary J. Volesky reviews the 53 new members of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) after patching ceremony conducted June 19, 2015 at Camp Williams.



The 300th Military Intelligence Brigade was selected by the division to capitalize on its expertise and considerable wartime experience gained during the War on Terrorism.

“They are the best that the United States Army has to offer with regards to the military intelligence profession,” said Utah National Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton. “For a combat commander, there is nothing more important than actionable intelligence.”

The 101st Airborne Division will become the first division headquarters in the Army to fully integrate the ARNG with Soldiers from Wisconsin and Utah into their Modification Table of Organization and Equipment to close operational gaps in mission-command capacity, and establish a cohesive, fully capable headquarters that can execute assigned

Utah Guardmembers formerly from the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade now proudly bear the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) patch while singing the Screaming Eagle unit song.



Left sleeve of new 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) member after patching ceremony conducted June 19, at Camp Williams, Utah.

missions. The division will also provide lessons learned and feedback setting favorable conditions for the MCU headquarters' conversion of the remaining Army divisions.

The soldiers of the 300th MI, while realigning to the 101st AD, will remain part-time, National Guard servicemembers with duty here in Utah. These Utah intelligence specialists stand trained and ready to support the 101st in its future missions.

“The Soldiers joining us today will be assigned to our division's intelligence section, and train with us for our next rendezvous with destiny,” said Volesky. “We say intelligence drives operations--well today, the Screaming Eagles are going to put them in the driver's seat.” 🇺🇸



19th Special Forces Gets in Touch with 1st Special Service Force Roots



Alpha Company, GSB, 19th SFG(A) Soldiers proudly stand with seven of the last remaining Forcemen from the elite 1st SSF. The Forcemen are part of the famous U.S.-Canadian commando unit that paved the way for modern-day special operations units.

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Ashley Baum

FORT HARRISON, Mont. — It was here that the 1st Special Service Force, the famous U.S.-Canadian elite commando unit or “Black Devils Brigade,” forged and solidified their bonds with each other. Nearly 73 years later, it was also here that Soldiers from the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) did the same, thus honoring their Special Forces forefathers.



Soldiers from the 19th SFG(A) march through downtown Helena, Mont. Aug. 22 before convening at the 1st Special Service Force memorial to honor the Forcemen during the 69th 1st SSF reunion. The Forcemen marched through the same streets nearly 73 years prior before deploying to the Aleutian Islands, Alaska during World War II.



The 19th SFG(A) elements from Utah, West Virginia, and Montana returned home to the same historic landscape where the 1st SSF trained for combat during World War II as part of Special Forces Basic Combat Course-Support. (SFBCC-S) The course was dubbed, “The Devil’s Brigade Challenge 2015,” to honor the Forcemen who set the precedent for modern-day special operations. More than 100 students trained in the extensive exercise, emphasizing advanced-combat skills to prepare Soldiers to successfully integrate with Special Forces during deployments.

The 19th SFG(A) Soldiers in support positions must participate in a SFBCC-S exercise at least once in their career and as a pre-mobilization training, which enhances their combat-readiness and survivability skills.

The multi-faceted course heavily trains Soldiers in basic Soldier tasks, advanced marksmanship with the M9 pistol and M4 carbine-assault rifle, team-mounted and dismounted operations, decision-making development in a high-stress, squad environment, and applying all developed skills culminating in an intense exercise against enemy forces.

The Group Support Battalion, 19th SFG(A) spearheaded the exercise with 24 instructors, each with unique

special-operations, combat experience from GSB and 190th Chemical Recon Detachment, 19th SFG(A) and utilized support from the following units: 2-211th General Support Aviation Battalion and UH-72 Lakota Light Utility Helicopter; 2nd Battalion, 19th SFG(A); Operational Detachment-Alpha (OSA) 9125 from Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 19th SFG(A); four infantrymen from the 3rd Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment from Petawawa, Ontario, Canada; and flight crews from the Montana National Guard.

Working alongside the ODA allowed the students to get a better understanding of how an SF team works and what their expectations are as support elements.

“SFBCC-S isn’t meant to be easy,” said Capt. Jason Scott, SFBCC-S student from Group Special Troops Company, 19th SFG(A). “It’s meant to put a Soldier through intense training so that an ODA can rely on him or her downrange should they be needed.”

Airborne operations were also part of the SFBCC-S curriculum with Canadian Jumpmasters taking charge in leading Soldiers from a CH-47 Chinook helicopter and a C-130 Hercules over Marshall Field Drop Zone, the same location where the forcemen conducted their jumps. The Canadian soldiers awarded the jumpers with the Canadian Parachutist Badge while they in turn were awarded the U.S. Parachutist Badge for their commitment to the course and to 19th SFG(A). There was a total of three airborne operations, including one water jump into Canyon Ferry Lake, Mont.



SFBCC-S students suppress enemy fire as they prepare to raid a shoot house in search for their high-value target during the culminating exercise at Fort Harrison, Mont. Aug 27.

The students worked with ODA 9125, which allowed them to get a better understanding of working with Special Forces soldiers in a downrange environment.



During the course, a change of responsibility took place where Mitchell, former GSB Command Sgt. Major, passed the torch to friend and colleague, Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Bailey.

To pay tribute to the forcemen from the 1st SSF, the students and cadre participated in a 1.5-mile memorial march through the streets of downtown Helena, Mont., reenacting the same parade the Devil's Brigade marched in more than 73 years prior before deploying to Alaska. The march concluded at the 1st SSF Memorial at Memorial Park, where the city and the 19th SFG(A) honored nine of the last remaining Forcemen along with those lost over the previous years as part of the 69th 1st SSF reunion.

"It was a very humbling experience," said Staff Sgt. Daniel Ellers, SFBCC-S cadre from Alpha Company, GSB, 19th SFG(A). "These Soldiers are true war heroes. To be given the chance to meet and shake these brave men's hands and know they were the very first Special Forces was priceless."

At the end of SFBCC-S, students and cadre were afforded the chance to face and overcome an incredible obstacle: a Norwegian road march. Soldiers fought through blood, sweat, tears, and several painful blisters while carrying a 25-pound rucksack and trekking 18.6 miles through the same mountainous and rocky terrain the Devil's Brigade trained in so many years ago. More than 85 Soldiers participated in the event, infiltrating the march by way of a CH-47 Chinook. Sixty Soldiers completed the challenge and were awarded the Norwegian Road March Badge. Sgt. 1st Class Nate Dressel, senior medical sergeant for Charlie Company, GSB, 19th SFG(A), ran the entire route, completing the foot march in two hours and thirty minutes.



Sgt. Billy Garcia, CBRN noncommissioned officer for 190th Chemical Recon Detachment, 19th SFG(A) and part of the Montana National Guard, performs Jumpmaster safety duties during a C-130 Hercules airborne operation for the SFBCC-S students Aug. 26 at Marshall Field Drop Zone, Fort Harrison, Mont.



Soldiers from the 19th SFG(A) conduct a water airborne operation into Canyon Ferry Lake, Mont. from a CH-47 Chinook helicopter on Aug. 24.



19th SFG(A) paratroopers wait for the CH-47 Chinook helicopter to land on Marshall Field Drop Zone, Fort Harrison, Mont. Aug. 21 during SFBCC-S.



Armed with ultimate training munitions, SFBCC-S students clear rooms in a shoot house searching for their high-value target during the end of course culminating exercise Aug. 27. All the students applied advanced soldier tasks and skills taught over the course of the exercise while working alongside Special Forces soldiers from ODA 1925, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 19th SFG(A).

SFBCC-S students pull security while waiting for further instructions. The course's intent is to train and prepare 19th SFG(A) support elements to integrate and work with Special Forces teams on deployments.

Staff Sgt. Matthew Cieslack, health care sergeant from Forward Support Company, GSB, 19th SFG(A) coaches Private 1st Class Kaitlyn Shute, parachute packer from Alpha Company, GSB, 19th SFG(A), on a more efficient way to use an M4 carbine assault rifle at the law enforcement range Aug. 19.



Spc. Kenneth Goodin gains side control during the combatives block of instruction, taught by soldiers from the 190th Chemical Recon Detachment, 19th SFG(A), during SFBCC-S Aug. 20. Students gained experience in advanced combat skills in marksmanship, mounting and dismounting procedures, land navigation and decision-making process in high stress situations.

SFBCC-S student, Maj. Christopher Vernon, engineer staff officer from HHC, 19th SFG(A), explains courses of action from a sand table. All 104 students convened for the culminating exercise at the end of the course, which allowed the students to apply learned and refined combat skills against enemy forces while securing a high value target.



With a better appreciation and understanding of what their expectations are as support personnel to the Special Forces, the students will incorporate their acquired skills into their military careers, especially while deployed overseas. Since 19th SFG(A) support elements generally deploy together, high OPTEMPO courses like SFBCC-S enable them to form friendships and establish camaraderie, just like the Forcemen who served before them.

“In my military career, I have never seen so much heartfelt commitment in training,” said Mitchell. “This type of SFBCC-S imprints many of our younger Soldiers with a clear identity to never quit, to endure long hours without complaint, and to operate in austere environments, which is the exact reason they joined the military in the first place. Tough times don’t last, but tough people do. In the 19th SFG(A), we have tough people, both mentally and physically.” 🇺🇸



Capt. (ret) Nils Johansen from the Norwegian Army Field Artillery pins the Norwegian Foot March Badge on the 60 Soldiers who completed the 18.6-mile foot march through the mountainous terrain near Helena, Mont. Aug. 28. Some of the participants carried canned goods and packaged food in their 25-pound rucksack, which they donated after the march to homeless veterans living in Helena.

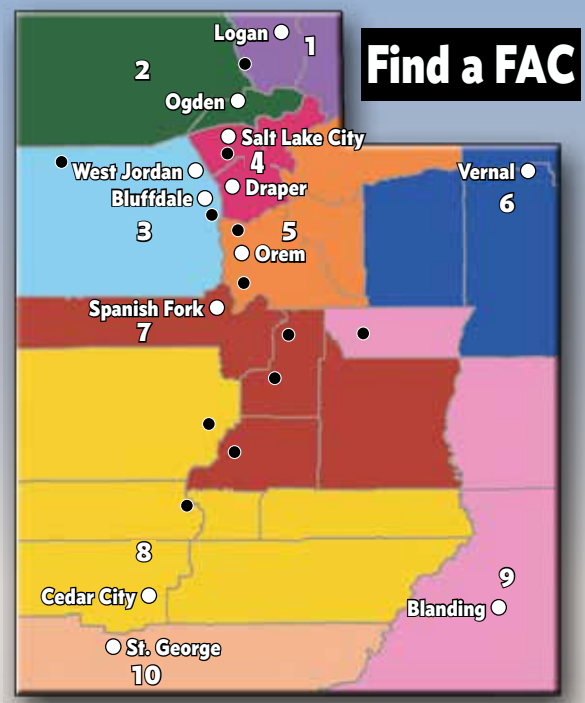
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SECAF Praises Total Force Efforts; Discusses Vision and Priorities During Utah Visit

Story by Capt. Jennifer Eaton

SALT LAKE CITY — The Secretary of the Air Force, Deborah Lee James, was the distinguished guest speaker at an “All-Call” held at Hill Air Force Base on July 24, with more than 400 civilian and military members of active-duty, Guard and Reserve components in attendance.

For more than an hour, James addressed a variety of topics and fielded questions from the crowd, which included officer and enlisted representatives of the Utah Air National Guard.

James opened by noting she “considers it an absolute honor” to have the opportunity to spend time touring Air Force installations worldwide.

“Visiting with our amazing Airmen is the biggest privilege of my professional life,” she said.

Her formal remarks highlighted many of the key messages she regularly delivers to Air Force stakeholders on Capitol Hill. These included the size of the current Air Force, “the smallest we’ve seen since the service’s inception;” challenges posed by aging equipment and aircraft; issues related to troop readiness; and the worldwide explosion of threats to national security.

“Everywhere we turn, the Air Force is asked to do more with less,” she said. “The high OPTEMPO means that we are an Air Force under some stress.”

As the individual in charge of the Air Force’s annual budget of more than \$139 billion, James can attest that much of the tension boils down to the financial tug-of-war between the Air Force and Congress where some differences in opinion occur on how to strike an effective balance between the readiness of today and the needs of tomorrow.

“We can’t do one or the other,” she said. “We’ve got to do both.”

James challenged the audience, however, to stay focused on taking care of each other and the mission at hand and not spend too much time worrying about budgetary and procurement efforts.

“You have enough on your plates,” she said. “Count on me for the best support I can provide to secure what we need to move forward.”

James’ remarks resonated with attendees like Vallaree McArthur, an Air Force employee who serves in a civilian role at Hill AFB and as a Mission Support Group First Sergeant with the UTANG.



Secretary of the Air Force, Deborah Lee James, talks to Team Hill Airmen during an All-Call on Friday, July 24, at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. In her remarks, James thanked Hill personnel for the opportunity “to see our Air Force in action.”

Photo by Todd Cromar

“Secretary James did a great job outlining top priorities in a way that was pertinent to military and civilian concerns,” she said. “She touched on quality of life improvements, recruiting and retention, striking a balance between maintaining versus modernizing assets, and holding everyone accountable to schedules and budgets--the ideas and the presentation were spot on.”

James’ visit also included tours of various facilities, meetings, and opportunities to speak with civilians, officers and enlisted members from across the state.

“We were honored to have Secretary James visit Utah,” said Major General Jefferson Burton, Utah National Guard adjutant general, who attended a dinner with military and civic leaders in Secretary James’ honor.

“She is a visionary leader who is clearly committed to the total-force concept,” he said.

In fact, Burton noted that James “took the time to express her gratitude for the contributions made by Utah Air National Guardsmen through missions conducted around the globe.”

James said this type of total-force integration is a great way for the service to “leverage the full, innovative potential of all our Airmen,” noting that Utah is leading the way in such efforts.

The caliber of Airmen she meets as she travels the globe, and their collaborative efforts, come as no surprise, she said.

“Everywhere I go, I’ve been so impressed by our people...Active, Guard, and Reserve units,” she said. “They are the reason we’re the greatest Air Force in the world.”

Panther Strike Comes to Camp Williams for Fourth Year in a Row



Story by Sgt. Scott Wolfe

CAMP WILLIAMS — At its heart, it is a training exercise. But it is one unlike any other.

Dreamed up and first implemented more than a decade ago in Florida, home to gators, swamps and constant humidity, Exercise Panther Strike has been held in the dry mountains of Utah for the past three years.

Camp Williams hosted Panther Strike again in 2015, bringing to Utah almost 700 military-intelligence personnel, June 15. Active-duty Soldiers joined Reserve

and National Guard Soldiers for the exercise, designed to train practitioners of military intelligence.

Panther Strike is a training exercise that incorporates as much of the military intelligence apparatus as possible. Human intelligence, signals intelligence, and geospatial intelligence collectors take information gleaned from detainees, interrogations, and intercepted radio transmissions and electronic communications and consolidate that data with imagery taken from overhead flights, maps and satellites. This data is incorporated into training missions planned in an environment similar to conditions found overseas.

At the introductory brief, Lt. Col. Russell Warr, commander, 141st MI Battalion, 300th MI Brigade, and commanding officer of Panther Strike 2015, asked participants to make the most of their experience, and to focus on learning something new everyday. He also



Panther Strike 2015 is an exercise allowing Soldiers in the Military Intelligence community the opportunity to receive training where they go from the classroom, to hands on, to field training within a very short period of time. This exercise combines multiple aspects of the MI; human, signal, and geospatial intelligence gathering. Information obtained in one part of the exercise is acted on and further enhanced in later portions through follow on interviews, source meetings and information analyzing. This is the largest MI exercise held in the United States.





them to take advantage of the opportunity to learn from others around them, especially the MI personnel from other nations.

“We have the largest representation of FVEY (an intelligence alliance comprised of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States commonly referred to as “Five Eyes”) at a Panther Strike ever. We have Army evaluators, Air Force and Navy,” Warr said, highlighting the diverse collection of MI professionals involved in this year’s exercise.

Panther Strike is unique enough in its complete orientation towards the different MI disciplines that U.S. allies sent close to 100 personnel to learn and exchange craft knowledge with their American counterparts.

An Australian Defense Force Army captain said Australia primarily participates in smaller-scale Pacific Command exercises when dealing with American Forces. “This is huge by comparison,” he said. “We are able to make it much more complex when it is on such a large scale.”

The senior enlisted advisor to the exercise commander, Command Sgt. Maj. Orange Warner, 141st Military Intelligence Battalion, was very blunt in his expectation of what the Soldiers and their allies were training to do here.

“We have to do our jobs,” he said. “When we don’t do our job, no one picks up the slack. When we don’t do our job, people die.”

Sgt. Sierra Payne, a cryptologic linguist with Oregon National Guard’s 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team

(IBCT), was excited to be at her third Panther Strike. During the training, she said she was able to get some hands-on work with man-portable, radio-frequency intercept and direction-finding signal gear. Payne said she likes coming to Panther Strike because she will go from classroom teaching to hands-on training, applying what she has learned in a training scenario.

“I can get out of a classroom and get into the field,” she said.

One of Payne’s partners during the training was Sgt. Surya Shanmugam, who is also a member of Oregon’s 41st IBCT.

“I like this because there are not a lot of intense training (opportunities) for my MOS,” said Shanmugam.

The fact that the exercise focuses on in-the-field, practical experience is what really makes Panther Strike shine. In short, the two-week-long exercise provides MI Soldiers with realistic and comprehensive training, mimicking as closely as possible real-world intelligence gathering. Information obtained through different collection techniques during the exercise is analyzed and then disseminated, turning into follow-on missions that enable Soldiers to see how their efforts contribute to the overall picture and mission.

“There is no other training exercise geared more towards the military intelligence community that allows so many facets to operate in conjunction with each other,” Warr said. 🇺🇸



Utah Guardmembers Ride in the Ultimate Challenge Cycling Event at Tour of Utah

Members of the cycling team sponsored by the Utah National Guard near the Ultimate Challenge starting line Aug 8.

Story by Ken Francis

SALT LAKE CITY — For the past two years the Utah National Guard has been privileged to sponsor and participate in two cycling events: Tour of Utah and Ultimate Challenge.

The Tour of Utah bike race brings many of the best professional cyclists from around the world to compete in Utah. Unlike many professional sports, cycling offers opportunity for the local fans to get up close and cheer on their favorite riders over the course of a week of racing.

“Being an avid cyclist, I had the opportunity to put together a team of eight talented and motivated Soldier cyclists to participate in the Tour of Utah’s Ultimate Challenge,” said Sgt. Maj. Troy Josie, G1 Sergeant Major. “The Soldiers trained for months, rode many miles, and climbed thousands of feet to have the opportunity to represent the Utah National Guard in this—one of the hardest races that I have ever done.”

Throughout the week, the Utah National Guard had an active presence at the races, which is effective for recruiting, publicizing, and showing support to our community.

In addition to this, the Utah National Guard eight-rider team participated in the one-day-cycling event called The Ultimate Challenge. This event allows local cyclists to ride the “queen stage” race course, which is typically the hardest course of the week-long race and described as “The most challenging, awe-inducing, jaw-dropping stage in the Tour of Utah.”

There’s a reason why they call the event The Ultimate Challenge. It consists of 13,000+ feet of elevation gain (going uphill) over the course of 113 miles. Cyclists spend months training and preparing for this major bike ride. It requires both individual strength and ability to work as a team. And though it’s physically difficult, the route is spectacular and the accomplishment very rewarding.

“This ride was the toughest event I have ever done,” said Sgt. 1st Class Lamoni Parry, Charlie Company, 141st Military Intelligence. “The climb up and over Guardsman Pass was the toughest, steepest climb I have ever done and a huge accomplishment.”

This year, the Utah National Guard riders included Sgt. Maj. Troy Josie, Chief Warrant 2 Bryce Curtis, Chief Warrant 2 Ben Watson, 1st Sgt. Grant Watson, 1st Sgt. Steve Barlow, Sgt. 1st Class Lamoni Parry, Gary Wekluk, and Ken Francis. There were moments when the team was pushed to its limits, and yet found the strength to push on.

The Utah National Guard is proud to support events like the Tour of Utah and Ultimate Challenge. Thank you to all those who supported the Utah National Guard. Please take the time to get out on a bike—individually, as a family, or as a team—and enjoy the rest of this wonderful cycling season.

“I truly enjoyed the camaraderie I felt with the other team members, and it was an honor to receive a Utah National Guard jersey,” said Parry. “It’s great to be able to represent the Guard while rubbing shoulders with some of the best athletes in the State of Utah.” 🇺🇸

Utah ANG Participates in Multi-Agency Medevac Training

Story by Tech. Sgt. Amber Monio

WEST JORDAN, Utah — Several Utah Air National Guardsmen with the 151st Medical Group's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package, or CERFP, participated in a multi-agency medical evacuation training exercise Aug. 16, near the Beaver Ponds in Utah's Farmington Canyon.

In this particular scenario, the Davis County Sheriff's Office received a call that a small commuter plane had crashed with an unknown number of occupants and unknown details on their injuries. With civilian medical air-transportation resources unable to deploy due to the location of the incident, the CERFP's search and extraction team and the Utah Army National Guard's Company C, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment were called in to help Davis County Search and Rescue locate the victims.

Senior Airman Boardmyer, left, on-scene commander for the medevac exercise, coordinates with Master Sgt. Mikel Brockbrader, Medical Logistics Planner with the 151st Medical Group CERFP Team, to relay information to the Black Hawk helicopter.





“It’s good for us to get the interoperability between different agencies so that we can see how they work, they can see how we work, and it gives us a little bit of exposure to other ways of doing things,” said Air Force Master Sgt. Chet Showalter, noncommissioned officer in charge of the CERFP’s search and extraction element.

According to Senior Airman Erik Bornemeier, CERFP training manager and Davis County Search and Rescue commander, the exercise also served as a proof of concept where the intent was to showcase and demonstrate to local and state government political entities the abilities of emergency medical services and the rescue resources that are available in Utah.

More specifically, he said, the goal was to show that the CERFP’s search and extraction element can be “micro” deployable in the event of an emergency in the region without calling up the entire CERFP.

“What we’re trying to do today is show that we do have the capability to deploy quickly and in a smaller element that will cost the State of Utah less money, be able to save more lives, and to mitigate pain and suffering for citizens in the state,” said Bornemeier.

During the exercise the various agencies were challenged to effectively utilize Incident Command protocols and to work together to extract simulated critically injured patients using the hoisting system of a UH-60 Black Hawk





Members of the Utah National Guard perform hoist operations with Davis County Search and Rescue in a steep mountainous region in Farmington Canyon, and train on how to locate and extract lost and injured hikers.



helicopter so they could be transported to a higher level of care.

“The best thing about the UH-60 is that it is one of the most versatile aircrafts,” said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Brady Cloward, a pilot with the 1-171st. “It’s no surprise that Utah is a big, outdoor-recreational area so there is a ton of search and rescue that’s always called each year, and the fact that we can do our job in some of these confined areas is a huge asset for the state.”

According to Army Capt. Penny McCarthy, 1st Battalion medevac operations officer, these types of exercises and similar real-world incidents are further validating the need for UH-60s in the state.

“We are a non-compete agency and we certainly don’t want to take away from civilian agencies’ capabilities;

however, we do recognize that there is a niche that we fill under night vision goggles and our hoisting capability in particular, or at high-altitude where other aircraft may not be able to get into,” she said. “Those are areas where we see ourselves excelling because we simply have capabilities that other organizations may not have.”

A similar exercise is currently being planned for early 2016, which will test the personnel and their resources in a different scenario and under different weather conditions.

“The fact that we’re finally getting our names out there and people are realizing that we’re here and that we are excited to do the job is huge for us,” said Cloward. “This is what we live for, this is our job.”





Utah National Guard Soliders Support Operation Lost Diamond

Members of the Army National Guard's 1-211th Aviation and 19th Special Forces meet with Marines and Navy Servicemembers during Operation Lost Diamond.

Story and photos by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jared Jones

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — Early explorers into the desolation of the western United States described it as going from no place, through nothing, to nowhere. The west also holds an impressive array of obstacles from barren wasteland to rugged mountains, all covered by a blanket of weather that can change in the blink of an eye. Even with our advanced modern technology, the challenges that the western environment poses are still daunting. Those challenges increase exponentially when you're an isolated person facing hostile forces in that foreboding landscape. Therefore, the resources and assets you must use to get an isolated person out of that environment must be more intimidating.

Recently in the western desert of Utah, those intimidating assets were assembled to conduct an exercise named Operation Lost Diamond. The purpose of the exercise was to rescue isolated personnel from enemy forces in one of the most extreme environments on our planet. The invitation list was for units to bring a unique set of skill, technology and firepower to the table.

The first unit on the list was the USMC "Harvest Hawk." This KC-130J is described as a "Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Crisis Response." Basically, this is the Swiss army knife of C-130s, bringing up to and including the kitchen sink. This platform serves as the eyes and ears for the assembled assets. It is tasked with locating the isolated personnel, identifying enemy positions, and

targeting those enemies, with precision strikes if called upon. It could practically do the mission on its own. But, if you were the isolated person, why stop there, right?

The second unit on the list needed to be capable of owning the ground, to move swiftly over terrain, link up with the isolated personnel, perform life-saving medical treatment if needed, and use its skills to handle any threat or situation that could arise in that environment. Enter the 19th Special Forces. That pretty much covers that one. Now to get everyone out of there. . .

The third unit needed to provide transportation for the elite class: the Navy's Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron number 85, "Firehawks," to be exact (HSC-85). With its HH-60H Firehawks boasting the latest in all-weather navigation, GAU-17/A miniguns, and roomy interior, any combat unit can exfil in style. However, the elite rarely move without their escort.

The fourth and final unit, being an escort to the elite, needs to provide sheer intimidation and overwhelming firepower: meet the AH-64D Apaches from the 1-211th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion. With their skill in handling the AH-64D in mountainous terrain in a challenging, power-limited environment, the "Air Pirates" can provide precision strikes and close-air support to the elite on the ground. Their reputation precedes them and sometimes just showing up to the party gets the job done without a shot fired.



Operation Lost Diamond provided essential training to these units to work seamlessly across different platforms and different departments. The lessons learned will continue to benefit them for years to come as they integrate tactics and techniques from this exercise into their training. The beneficiary of this training, however, is the isolated person. As an isolated person it may not be easy, but it's easier when you know help is on the way — especially this kind of help. 🇺🇸

Operation Lost Diamond is a training exercise where military members work seamlessly across different platforms and different departments to rescue isolated personnel from enemy forces in one of the most extreme environments on our planet.



Utah Guard Supports Quail Hollow Fire Along the Wasatch Front and a Fire Contained on Camp Williams

Story by Ileen Kennedy

DRAPER, Utah — The Utah National Guard was activated to assist with firefighting efforts on the Quail Hollow Fire above Cottonwood Heights Sept. 1.

Black Hawk pilots, crews and support personnel from the Utah Guard's 2-211th Aviation answered the call on short notice, responding with two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters to help attack the fire from the air.

Each helicopter made repeated trips to nearby water sources to dip the 600-gallon bucket and drop water on the flames. After flying for just under two hours, 24 and 27 water-bucket drops were made. 🇺🇸

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — A small wildland fire ignited at approximately 4:00 p.m. within the northeastern area of the Camp Williams training range Aug. 28.

The fire burned approximately 230 acres. Due to calm weather conditions the fire was contained to Camp Williams. Unified Fire Authority's 20 firefighters along with several personnel from the Utah National Guard fought the fire. Additionally, two Utah Army National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters and one bulldozer were used in the effort.

The fire was located to the south of Black Ridge and moved slowly to the east. There was no threat to surrounding communities and the fire did not spread beyond Camp Williams. Firefighters executed a back burn or "firing" operations to further contain the fire.

The fire ignited during military training that involved detonation of explosives. The fire danger rating for Camp Williams was "High" for most of the afternoon, including at the time the fire ignited. The National Weather Service had not issued a Red-flag Warning. 🇺🇸



Fourteen Warriors, Two Trophies: The 2015 National Best Warrior Competition

Story by Sgt. Nicolas Cloward

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — Fourteen of the Army National Guard's most well-trained Soldiers went head to head during the Army National Guard's 2015 National Best Warrior Competition held at Camp Williams, Utah, June 22-25.

The competition was a culminating event where the Guard's best noncommissioned officers and Soldiers gathered together to represent their regions and test the knowledge and skill sets of the National Guard's finest, professional warriors. These warriors had already demonstrated their dedication to excellence by winning their way through their state and regional competitions.

Competitors were evaluated on the Army Physical Fitness Test, Army Warrior Tasks, night-land navigation, ruck march, general knowledge test, essay, appearance board and mystery event in which each Soldier had two minutes to collect information in order to call in a live-fire air strike from an AH-64 Apache helicopter.



The 2015 National Guard's Best Warrior Competition took place on Camp Williams June 22-25. Competitors rucked, evaluated casualties, called in helicopter transport, charted land-navigation coordinates and conducted chemical operations.

With a live-fire exercise, the stakes are pretty high and it's exactly why the Best Warrior Competition is demanding and takes months of training and dedication to win. There's no room for error.

"You don't want to have any regrets," said Spc. Jay D. Eyestone, a battalion paralegal with the 2-218th Field Artillery, Oregon Army National Guard. "When you get to this [competition] you really want to put the time in so you know you're doing the best you can do."

Eyestone explained that every weekend and drill was a training opportunity to prepare for the competition. However, hard work isn't only valuable in competitions such as this; it's a valuable trait to develop as a leader.





“It [the experience of this competition] is just another tool in the tool box,” said Staff Sgt. Jason Dittus, a combat engineer squad leader for the 818th Engineer Company (SAPPER), North Dakota National Guard. “You can take it back to your unit and better your Soldiers.”

At the end of the event, mentors, sponsors, family members, staff, military leaders and competitors gathered



The 2015 National Guard’s Best Warrior Competitors ruck at Camp Williams. Competitors call for fire from Utah National Guard’s 1-211th Aviation Apache helicopters with training from 19th Special Forces (Airbourn).

in the 640th Regional Training Institute drill hall to find out who would be representing the National Guard in the final iteration of the Army’s Best Warrior Competition scheduled for later this year.

Anticipation filled the air as the third and second place winners were announced and presented their awards. Finally, Spc. Cruiser R. Barnes, a cavalry scout with Troop A, 1-299th Cavalry (Recon, Surveillance, and Target Acquisition), Hawaii Army National Guard, was declared the National Guard’s Best Warrior, and Sgt. Robert T. Cunningham, a combat engineer with the 119th Engineer Co. (SAPPER), West Virginia Army National Guard, was named the National Guard’s NCO of the year.







Barnes, visibly moved, struggled to find the right words when asked how he felt about winning and moving on to represent the Guard against the rest of the Army.

“It’s crazy. That’s all I can say.”

However, staying in his warrior mindset, his thoughts that evening were still on training, moving forward and representing the National Guard.

“I have a lot of love for the National Guard and where it’s taken me over the last three years,” he said. “I never could have imagined this.”

Barnes’ final message was for those thinking of taking on the challenge of earning the title of “Best Warrior.”

“Go for it, shoot for the stars, do your best, try hard every day and live the Army Values.”

All Soldiers tough enough to make it this far have truly shown their strength and dedication to their states and regions. Now it’s just a waiting game to see if a Guardsman will take home the title of All-Army Best Warrior. 🇺🇸



Left: Spc. Cruiser Barnes, 1st Squadron, 299th Cavalry Regiment, Hawaii Army National Guard won the Soldier of the Year. The 2015 National Guard BWC competitors compete at Camp Williams during events hosted by the Utah National Guard.



Five Days. Five Villages. Over 3,600 Patients



Moroccan women line up to receive medical treatment May 18, 2015, in Larbaa Salhel, Morocco, at a humanitarian assistance event being conducted by the Utah National Guard.



Moroccan children wait to be seen by pediatric doctors May 17, 2015, in Tiyoughza, Morocco.

Story by Maj. Carissa Christensen

TIYOUGHZA, Morocco — All in a day's work for Utah Air and Army National Guard members who participated in this year's African Lion Mission supporting our State Partnership Program with the Kingdom of Morocco.

The overwhelming success of this humanitarian mission highlights the dedication and commitment of those who proudly represented the State of Utah during their exciting time abroad.

Photos by Cpl. Elizabeth Case

The multi-national medical team comprised of 118 members provided critical health services to 3,631 Moroccan citizens over five days. This amazing team included dentists, optometrists, physicians, nurse practitioners and other healthcare providers from the Moroccan, Tunisian, and U.S. Military Forces. They provided a multitude of services that included root canals, tooth extractions, dermatology screenings, pediatric exams, cardiovascular exams, internal medicine appointments, and optometry evaluations. In

A doctor with the Royal Moroccan Armed Forces treats a young Moroccan girl May 17.



A doctor with the Tunisian Armed Forces, left, and a doctor with the Royal Moroccan Armed Forces speak with a Moroccan woman following the treatment of her son May 17.



Moroccan residents wait to receive their prescriptions May 17, 2015, in Tiyoughza, Morocco, during humanitarian assistance operations as part of African Lion 15.





National Guard members wait to provide medical services to Moroccans at a health clinic set up during African Lion 2015, a humanitarian mission to Morocco.



A young Moroccan boy wears mustache glasses given to him by members of the Utah National Guard while he waits to be seen by doctors May 17.

addition, new prescription eyewear was given along with over 8,600 prescription medications.

“The level of care we were able to bring the citizens of Morocco was truly overwhelming,” said Maj. Kathleen Stahl, executive officer for the medical portion of African Lion. “I have never been hugged and thanked so much as I was by this compassionate and caring population. I am very thankful to the Moroccan military for supporting this partnership and giving us the opportunity to work and learn alongside them on such an important endeavor.”

Col. Peterson, commander of the 151st Medical Group, gave a resounding thumbs’ up to the team’s success.

“I was incredibly impressed with the professionalism, teamwork, and motivation displayed by our international team,” said Peterson. “The efficiency and expertise of our Moroccan and Tunisian counterparts was inspiring. Every day we came together, worked hard, and got the mission done.”

During the third day of patient care, Utah’s Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, along with Command Sgt.

Col. Marcus Peterson, 151st Medical Group commander; Maj. Paul Anderson, dentist; Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton; and Dr. Hariri EL Mehdi, a Moroccan dentist, visit the dental clinic section of the medical site during the adjutant general’s visit to Morocco.



Col. Christine Burckle, director of staff, Utah Air National Guard, smiles with Moroccan children during the Guard’s visit to Morocco.



Senior Airman Erik Bornemier, an aerospace medical technician with the 151st Medical Group, Utah National Guard, laughs with a Moroccan child during her treatment May 17, 2015, in Tiyoughza, Morocco.





A group of local Moroccans wait to be seen by U.S. doctors, dentists and ophthalmologists during African Lion 2015, a humanitarian mission to Morocco.



Maj. Kathleen Stahl and Col. Christine Burckle with soccer balls they will give to Moroccan children.

Maj. Michael Miller and Utah Air National Guard's Director of Staff Col. Chris Burckle made a much-anticipated visit.

While there, these leaders took time to recognize several of the mission's top performers, making an important accomplishment even more memorable. Burton commented on the impressive collaboration between the different military forces.

"I was extremely proud of the amazing work our medical professionals were engaged in," said Burton. "Their

efforts have made a long-lasting, positive impact on our very important partnership with Morocco. What a great opportunity to showcase the talents of our dedicated Airmen and Soldiers as they worked side by side with Moroccan and Tunisian healthcare professionals!"

After the team wrapped up on the final day, the ever-hospitable Moroccan military hosted a celebration where all military forces came together in thanks for completion of a successful, joint mission.

Capt. Raymond Searles, a clinical nurse with the 151st Medical Group, takes vital signs at a health clinic set up during African Lion 2015, a humanitarian mission to Morocco.



Maj. Micah Smith, a doctor with the 151st Medical Group's CERFP team, examines a patient at a health clinic set up in Morocco during African Lion 2015.



Army dentist Maj. Tillmann at dental clinic May 17, in Tiyoughza, Morocco.





Capt. Kirk Drennan, an optometrist with the Utah Air National Guard, conducts an eye exam during African Lion 2015, a humanitarian mission to Morocco.



Master Sgt. Kacee Armstrong talks with a Moroccan military interpreter at a health clinic set up during African Lion 2015.

“It was an awesome way to end this year’s African Lion and a huge morale booster and motivator for all the team to return again in the future,” said Master Sgt. Robert Wagster, senior noncommissioned officer in charge of medical

planning for African Lion. The Moroccan military has always been unbelievably hospitable, and we definitely enjoyed the feast they provided.”

It was a gracious ending, to an unforgettable experience, for everyone involved. 🇲🇴

Senior Airman Erik Bornemier, an aerospace medical technician with the 151st Medical Group, Utah National Guard, provides treatment to a young Moroccan girl May 17 in Tiyoughza, Morocco.

Maj. Wesley Tillmann, a general dentist, and Staff Sgt. Kurt Peters, a dental technician, both with the Utah National Guard, extract a tooth for a young Moroccan boy May 18 in Larbaa Salhel, Morocco.

Maj. Colton Douglas, a general dentist, and Staff Sgt. Kurt Peters, begin a tooth-filling procedure for a Moroccan woman May 17 in Tiyoughza, Morocco.



Utah National Guard Interpreters Forge Bridges Across Language Barriers

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Michael Folkerth

LIBREVILLE, Gabon — In situations when multiple nations are working together, one of the most difficult obstacles to overcome is the language barrier. Without a way to communicate with each other, the effectiveness of each country's effort is diminished greatly.

Linguists from the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade, assigned to the Utah National Guard, are bridging the language gap for the different nations participating in the Central Accord 2015 exercise in Libreville, Gabon.

Staff Sgt. Thomas Williams, one of the linguists, said that with 13 different nations including the U.S., three European countries and nine countries from the central-African region, his team of translators have their jobs cut out for them juggling conversations between English, French and Portuguese. The diversity of countries here provides a unique opportunity to interact and build relationships with the partner nations.

"The best part of the job is definitely being able to talk to the locals and members of our partner militaries and getting to learn about them individually, their cultures, and their lifestyles," said Williams.

Williams said learning about each other builds relationships and establishes a connection based on trust. That trust is the foundation upon which partner nations can work.

But as enjoyable and interesting as it is to learn about new cultures and peoples, the linguists are here in an official capacity. Not all the translating is fun and games. Making sure that the participating militaries are able to communicate and work together as a team is the defining part of their mission at Central Accord.

Sgt. Richard Stanger, a linguist with the 300th MI Brigade, said the main challenge he and his coworkers face is the vocabulary for their assigned languages.

"For the most part we can get the translations through. The most challenging part in my opinion would be the military acronyms. Not only spelling them out and translating the acronym itself, but also making sure the audience understands the meaning behind the acronyms," said Stanger.



Sgt. Richard Stanger, a linguist with the 300th Military Intelligence, Utah National Guard, translates the objectives of the day's training during the last day of the preparation phase for Central Accord 2015 in Libreville, Gabon, May 14, 2015. Stanger translated into Portuguese, while the other translators from the Gabonese military translated into French and English for the multinational training audience.

Despite the challenges, the linguists are able to accomplish what they came here to do. Lt. Col. Jonathan Shine, the commander of 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, has been working directly with the exercise operations center and said that without translators, Central Accord would not have been possible.

"Part of the main goal of the exercise was to bring different nations together and test their ability to communicate as a staff. With three different languages being spoken, it would be impossible to effectively coordinate our efforts without the aid of our translators," said Shine.



Translators play a key role in Central Accord 2015 because they are the line of communication between the different nations participating in the exercise in Libreville, Gabon, May 15. Without being able to communicate information across linguistic boundaries, operations similar to the one being trained for in CA15 would not be feasible.

Solar Energy Powering West Jordan Armory



Members of the Utah National Guard and invited guests cut the ribbon opening the new West Jordan solar array and UH-64 Apache storage hangar.

Story and Photos by Ileen Kennedy

WEST JORDAN, Utah — **T**he Utah National Guard's West Jordan Armory solar array will harness solar energy to save money and the environment and was showcased at a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 8.

"What the Guard has done for Utah is you've made one of those decisions that will have a long-term significant beneficial impact on the state of Utah and on future generations," said Cody Stewart, Governor Gary Herbert's Energy Advisor and Policy Director.

The two solar projects included one federally funded the other state funded. The state project consists of 360 panels on the canopy and 450 on the roof at the Jake Garn Armory on the west side of Airport Road. The federally funded project on the east side of the road is at the Army Aviation Support Facility south hangar with 288 panels on the canopy and 630 on the roof.

"When you travel around the Utah Guard you are going to see a lot of projects like the solar parking arrays," said the Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton. "We are going to keep moving forward in a positive way to find solutions for green energy."

The Utah National Guard continues its push to energy independence by powering its properties with clean, more affordable solar energy. The 566 kilowatt hour project consisting of four separate solar arrays at West Jordan are partially mounted on the roofs of the hangar and the armory, and partially mounted on parking canopies, providing shade in the summer and snow shelter in the winter. The system will provide an estimated 820,976 kilowatt hours annually, enough to power more than 68 homes a year.

"On behalf of the governor we want to thank you and applaud you for your leadership and for being visionary in looking forward and thinking about future generations and for doing your part to help move forward on the state's energy policy," said Stewart.

The ceremony also included the opening of a storage hangar for the AH-64D Apaches from the 1-211th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion located at the facility.

"This hangar cost us \$1.8 million, but it's an investment to save money because it's protecting \$200 million worth of aircraft," said Lt. Col. Ricky Smith, 1-211th Aviation commander. "All these aircraft sitting out on the ramp, baking in the sun, creates considerable corrosion, so this hangar itself, even though it cost us money, is an investment to save money."

"These two projects are fiscally responsible and is actually going to save a tremendous amount of money in the long run both on aircraft protection and providing energy," said Smith. 🇺🇸



The Solar Array Captures Energy at Camp Williams



Camp Williams solar array has more than 3,900 panels on the south hillside.

Story by Ileen Kennedy

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — Solar panels nestled on the hillside of Camp Williams were the backdrop for the Utah National Guard's ribbon-cutting ceremony for its largest solar array project July 14.

The four completed solar projects at Camp Williams contain more than 3,900 panels and will reduce carbon

Photos by Lt. Col. Steve Fairbourn

emissions by powering Camp Williams with clean, more affordable solar energy. By generating their own solar energy, the Utah National Guard is able to cut electricity costs while offsetting carbon emissions along the Wasatch Front. The solar array is expected to generate 1.8–2 million kilowatts annually, which would be enough to power 160 homes for one year.



Lt. Col. Joseph Grimmit, design and project manager for the Utah National Guard Central Facilities Management Office, provides comments at the Camp Williams solar array ribbon cutting July 14.



Brig. Gen. Dallen Atack, assistant adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, answers questions of local media July 14, following the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Camp Williams solar array in the background.

“We are very proud of this, and all of our green energy projects,” said the Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton. “We seek to be good stewards of our precious resources and will continue as an organization to seek innovative ways to conserve and reduce our footprint.”

The UTNG and the State of Utah are leading the way in increasing energy efficiency, reducing energy costs and improving the environment and air quality in Utah. This is an example of how renewable technology integrates into the mission and values of an evolving domestic defense strategy.

“By harnessing Utah’s terrific solar assets, we save on energy now to better secure future resources and modernization for the missions our Soldiers and Airmen have pledged to support,” said Lt. Col. Mary Enges, Judge Advocate General. “These projects make good business sense for the Utah National Guard, for the State of Utah, and at end, for the security of our nation.”

Funding for the 10 strategic solar projects across Utah comes primarily from resources outside of state funds. More than 90 percent of funding was sourced from earmarked competitive grants from the National Guard Bureau and Rocky Mountain Power utility incentives. The UTNG will be able to generate approximately four-million-kilowatt hours of solar energy in 2016. These 10 projects will generate enough solar energy to power the equivalent of 330 average American homes.

The solar project was installed by SolarCity. Each solar array is to be in working operation with a completed net-metering agreement in place before the end of the year. The projects are located across Utah, four of which are located at Camp Williams. The remaining projects are located at the Draper Headquarters and armories in St. George, West Jordan and Blanding. The projects are estimated to save just under \$12 million over the next 20 years based on a six-percent escalation in energy prices in Utah. 🇺🇸



Ribbon cutting for Camp Williams solar array projects by Utah National Guard leadership, Utah energy efficiency executives, and project leadership July 14 north of Camp Williams.

Sunrise Hall—A New Place of Worship for Servicemembers



Story and photos by Capt. Ryan Sutherland

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **T**he Utah National Guard proudly unveiled Sunrise Hall, the newly constructed worship center, at a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday, Aug. 9, at Camp Williams.

For many of those in attendance, as well as the thousands of Servicemembers that enter Camp Williams throughout the year, faith has played an integral part of their upbringing and is a significant part of their identity. Sunrise Hall is designed to provide that sense of identity to Servicemembers and their families.

“This is one of the most significant days for the Chaplain Corps in the Utah National Guard,” said Chaplain James Montoya, state chaplain for the Utah National Guard.

“We have had chapels in the past, but they were buildings converted from other uses,” he added. “Today we dedicate the first building in our history designed and constructed to be a place of worship.”

The idea of building a chapel on Camp Williams came from humble and dire beginnings. Ten years ago, days after Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast, more than 600 people were evacuated from Louisiana to Utah where they were housed in Camp Williams. For many of the evacuees, they were in a desperate situation.

For retired Col. Scot Olson, who was the Garrison Commander of Camp Williams during the crisis, the goal was to provide a safe haven where they could recoup some of the stability that they needed to restore them to a normal life.



Distinguished guests cut the ribbon, signifying the opening of the new Sunrise Hall worship center at Camp Williams.

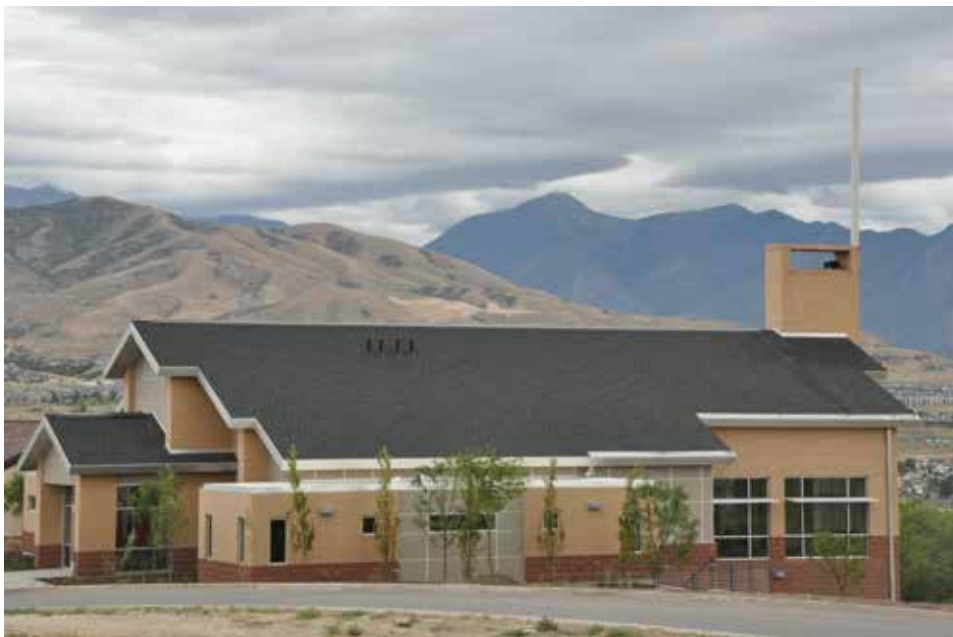


Utah National Guard chaplains gather after the ceremony for Sunrise Hall in the chapel they will use for worship services.



Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, adjutant general; Gail Miller, Larry H. and Gail Miller Family Foundation; and Spencer Cox, Lieutenant Governor of Utah, each address the audience during the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Sunrise Hall Aug. 9.

Side view of Sunrise Hall at Camp Williams.



“We had done a great job of all kinds of services and support to those families and individuals, but we didn’t have a chapel that could accommodate them and their spiritual needs,” said Olson. “And it just highlighted it that we weren’t doing it for our Soldiers either.”

Because National Guard funds cannot be used for the building of military chapels, generous donors such as the Larry H. and Gail Miller Family Foundation, Zions Bank, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and many others have made possible the construction of Sunrise Hall.

“It is my hope that as (Servicemembers) come here, they will feel the love and dedication that we as a family and a business and a country have in our hearts for the things they do and give to us to keep us free,” said Gail Miller.

The 9,000-square-foot facility has been under construction since June 2013 and provides a chapel for worship, seminar and conference rooms, chaplain offices, serving kitchen, and storage areas to more effectively meet the spiritual needs of the thousands of Soldiers who work and train at Camp Williams each year.

Sunrise Hall, with the aesthetic design and gorgeous view overlooking the Utah Valley, is intentionally positioned and designed to promote peace, serenity and renewal for all service and community members who use the facility.

The new facility, built at a cost of approximately \$2.5 million, is designed by Bott Pantone Architects in Ogden and was constructed by Stallings Construction, based in Murray.

“I see this building changing lives,” said Olson. “It’s going to serve each member looking for spiritual renewal.”

“It will help heal the wounds unseen,” added Montoya. 🇺🇸

New Sergeants Major Quarters at Camp Williams

Story and photos by Ileen Kennedy

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — The new Sergeants Major Quarters at Camp Williams was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony July 9.

“Three years ago this project started originally as a remodel,” the Master of Ceremonies, Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller said. “Yet just as we do anything, we do it right. Well to do it right, we ended up building a new structure.”

The quarters are situated on the east side of Tarbet Field with a beautiful view overlooking the valleys in both Utah and Salt Lake County.

“The location has a million-dollar view, similar to what a sergeant major has as they get the opportunity to oversee the NCO Corps of the Utah National Guard,” said Miller.

It consists of four bedrooms, each with full baths, as well as a unique common gathering space. With these amenities and 1,700 square feet of space, it provides a valuable area for collaboration among the senior enlisted leadership of the Utah National Guard. The quarters are fully ADA compliant and utilize energy-efficient modeling that will help to demonstrate the standard for the Utah National Guard’s inclusiveness and environmental policies.

“Through the efforts of many,” said Miller, “we have built a house with a solid foundation, with all the comforts and luxuries which will continue to serve our NCO leaders today and well into the future.”

Also speaking at the ceremony was the Utah National Guard’s commander and a strong supporter of the NCO Corps, the Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton. Two Soldiers that Miller called “the future of our organization,” Utah’s 2015 Soldier of the Year, Sgt. Ty’lene Puro and a new member of the senior NCO ranks Sgt. 1st Class Max Fonua, also spoke.

The quarters represent the past, but also provide a great opportunity for the future. Some of the Utah National Guard great NCO leaders used the previous residence. Looking to the future, the new quarters will provide a first-class residence to rest and relax, as well as a location to meet and plan. 🇺🇸



Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, center, cuts the ribbon for the opening of the new Sergeants Major Quarters at Camp Williams.



The Sergeants Major Quarter’s common room is a fully-equipped kitchen and sitting area.



Brig. Gen. Dallen Attack and Col. Milada Copeland tour one of the four rooms at the new Sergeants Major Quarters.



A new member of the senior NCO ranks, Sgt. 1st Class Max Fonua, speaks during the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller addresses attendees at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Sergeants Major Quarters at Camp Williams.



Sgt. Ty'Lene Puro, Utah's 2015 Soldier of the Year, speaks of mentorships that have supported her in her career as a Utah National Guard Soldier.

Utah National Guard Hosts Freedom Academy 2015

Story by Staff Sgt. Annie Edwards

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — More than 100 student delegates from high schools throughout the state attended Freedom Academy 2015 Aug. 2-7, at Camp Williams.

The students, nominated by their respective schools, had the opportunity to improve leadership and teamwork skills, as well as gain a greater appreciation for freedom, by participating in activities, listening to guest speakers, and taking field trips to locations throughout the Salt Lake Valley.

Lt. Col. John Darrington, director of Freedom Academy, said the opportunity to be part of this program provided the Utah Army and Air National Guard members with a great way to give something back to the community they serve.

“This gives us a chance, as defenders of the frontline, to share our perspective and insight on what these freedoms mean to us and what they can and should mean to these delegates,” said Darrington. “There has been a price paid for these freedoms and this helps them understand their responsibility to maintain them.”

During the delegates’ visit to the state capitol, Gov. Gary Herbert addressed the group as “the leaders of tomorrow.”

“There is reason for me as the governor of this great state to be optimistic because I know of the quality of individuals that you are and who you represent with your classmates,” said Herbert, “and I feel like the future of Utah and hence America and the world is in good hands because of you.”

The delegates also had the opportunity to go through the Leadership Reaction Course at Camp Williams, an obstacle course that encouraged teambuilding while having to work together as a group to complete a series of challenges.

Ryker Clint Marble, a senior at Bear River High School, said that the course helped him improve his leadership skills.

“You can’t just rush into something; it’s better if you have a game plan before you jump in, because when you just jump in you don’t always get it done correctly the first time,” he said. “The best leaders are the ones that can listen to everyone and still kind of guide the ideas.”





Freedom Academy delegates also attended a presentation by the Utah State Highway Patrol, encouraging safe and responsible driving practices; received a tour of the federal courthouse and the state prison; and visited the Channel 2 news studio.

“I feel like I’ve just got a lot of appreciation for this country, more than I’ve ever had before,” said Molly Anderson, a senior at Monticello High School. “I come here and I realize freedom isn’t free, and I think we all know that, but coming here it hits home.”

Many of the students also participated in a speech competition and talent contest at Camp Williams.

Freedom Academy, which is sponsored by the Honorary Colonels’ Association as well as several local businesses and community members, has been held in Utah for the past 54 years. 🇺🇸

High school students from across Utah participate in Freedom Academy activities at the Utah State Capitol, Utah National Guard Roland Wright Air Base and Camp Williams.



TASS Phase II—Construction Complete—Official Opening

Story by Lt. Col. Michael Mismash

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — Many of our most worthwhile efforts take time, perseverance and a lot of work. That is definitely the case with the 640th Regional Training Institute's new Total Army School System (TASS) Phase I and II buildings.

The 640th Regional Training Institute's new TASS Phase II buildings were completed in 2015. The original schoolhouse project started in 1998. The original proposed site was located on the north end of garrison and was planned to include the entire block between Wyoming and Nevada Avenues and 2nd and 3rd Street. The proposed building would be the cornerstone facility of a walking campus, or plaza, and would demolish much of the older, individual buildings that stood there.

In early 2012, Utah worked to award the \$13 million administrative building, and pursue a congressional reprogramming action of \$8 million. Lt. Col. Michael Mismash, on behalf of the the adjutant general (TAG), pursued the reprogramming action through National Guard Bureau (NGB), Department of the Army and the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). The TAG coordinated with federal legislators to approve the reprogramming request and eventually appropriate funding in Congress.

"The day before our 2012 Christmas break the TAG's effort paid off—our federal legislators singlehandedly picked our project from all the others that were deadlocked on the Hill and moved it forward for funding," said Mismash. "We received the letters from the House and Senate, and the additional \$8 million was approved. It was like a Christmas miracle! We were literally jumping for joy in the halls of the CFMO."



The newly completed Total Army School System (TASS) Phase II complex. Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton speaks at the ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of the RTI TASS Phase II complex.

Below left to right: Foyer, classroom and foyer.



The second element of the TASS Phase II contract was immediately awarded and Jacobsen Construction went to work. Two years later, the project is complete. The administration building is two stories in height, having a total area in excess of 62,000 square feet. It is composed of eight high-tech classrooms, office spaces and conference rooms for two RTI training battalions. It also contains a state-of-the-art dining facility that can sit 300 persons on its main level and 100 on its mezzanine level located on the second floor.

TASS Phase II barracks consists of three levels that have an open area for relaxation. It allows plenty of opportunity to take in Utah's beautiful countryside with views of the Wasatch Mountains and Utah Lake. It has 78 individual rooms and nine open, eight-man bays allowing it to house 150 Soldiers comfortably.

"Our premier facilities allow us to provide many benefits aside from our ability to provide state of the art training to our Soldiers," said Col. William French, commander, 640th RTI. "We can use our new facilities to host large gatherings, such as the Military Ball, the Command Sergeants Major Advisory Council, National Best Warrior Competition and many other events."

Special thanks to Utah National Guard senior engineer Mr. Scott Potter, TAG, Jacobsen Construction, NEXUS, Division of Facilities Construction and Management (DFCM) project manager Matthias Mueller, DFCM, Congress, NGB, Utah Trainning Site--Camp Williams, 640th RTI, CFMO staff and many others who played a significant role in successfully completing this project. 🇺🇸



Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, Brig. Gen. William French, Brig. Gen. Dallen Attack cut the ribbon opening the TASS Phase II. Below: Flags at ceiling level in the TASS complex foyer. Below left to right: Kitchen, conference room and lockers.



Utah Guardsman Receives the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award



Capt. Brett Anderson, commander of Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery poses proudly with Lt. Coll. Chris Caldwell, administrative officer of 65th Field Artillery Brigade, after receipt of MacArthur award.

Story by Lt. Col. Steve Fairbourn

DRAPER, Utah — Utah National Guard's Capt. Brett Anderson was honored as one of only seven National Guard members to receive the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award presented by Gen. Raymond Odierno at the Pentagon May 29, 2015. Each year only 28 officers are selected for this coveted award: 14 from active component, seven from Army Reserves, and seven from the National Guard company-grade and warrant officers.

"The 28 of you receiving this award this afternoon are clearly some of our most outstanding junior Army officers," said Odierno, the 38th chief of staff for the Army. "You represent not only the best of the total Army, Active, National Guard and Army Reserve, but also the very best that our nation has to offer."

Capt. Anderson, commander of Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery, was selected as the nominee from Utah Army National Guard's formation of more than 5,500 members for his civic involvement and leadership contributions during his recent deployment to Afghanistan. His selection from the more than 350,000 in the Army National Guard is a testament to the professionalism of Utah's junior leadership.

"I think I got the award because I was surrounded by great Soldiers, doing an important mission," said Anderson, "And because I was empowered to do my job and make decisions as the operations officer."

Gen. Odierno built upon this sentiment of empowerment when he challenged the award recipients stating "Our Army is an all-volunteer force, and a Soldier's decision to continue to serve is directly related to the quality of leadership they receive. You all have set the tone and climate that directly influences whether our Soldiers choose to embrace the Army as a profession; it is a profound responsibility."

"It felt like a validation of all the effort I have invested into my military career," described Anderson about being presented the award. "It also felt like a validation of the work our team did over there. The collective effort was inspiring."

The Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award recognizes company-grade officers who demonstrate the ideals for which Gen. MacArthur stood—duty, honor, country—and promotes effective junior-officer leadership in the Army.

Anderson summed up with, "It felt like a tiny light got shined on what a whole team did." Capt. Anderson has a bright career ahead and the Utah Guard looks forward to his future contributions to its formation. 🇺🇸



Capt. Brett Anderson (center) poses with Gen. Raymond Odierno, Chief of Staff of the Army (left) and retired Col. William Davis of the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation.

Utah's 151st Maintenance Group Wins Air National Guard Outstanding Unit Award

Story by Staff Sgt. Annie Edwards

Photo by Brittany Gray

SALT LAKE CITY — The 151st Maintenance Group was awarded the Air Force Association 2015 Air National Guard Outstanding Unit Award at a ceremony in National Harbor, Md. on Sept. 14.

The award, which covered achievements from Jan. 1- Dec. 31, 2014, recognized the unit for exceptionally meritorious service, and cited their dedication, work ethic, and sound maintenance practices.

During this time the group attained an 81 percent mission capable rate, exceeding that of 26 Air National Guard, Air Reserve, and Active Duty Air Refueling Wings, which have a fleet average of 73.57 percent.

Col. Susan Melton, commander of the 151st Maintenance Group, praised the hard work and efforts of the entire unit. "I am very proud to be a part of our great organization and am so thrilled for each and every member who is so critical to ensuring we are successful in our mission and so deserving of this award," said Melton. "The men and women of the MXG are



Col. Susan Melton and Lt. Col. Robert Taylor accept the Air Force Association Air National Guard Outstanding Unit Award for the 151st Maintenance Group at National Harbor, Md. on Sept. 14.

Air Promotions

COLONEL
Enges, Mary A

LIEUTENANT COLONEL
Apking, John J
Jones, Nathanael T

MAJOR
Jedick, Rocky P Jr

FIRST LIEUTENANT
Gerdes, Christopher Chadwick
Johnson, Jessica D

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT
Strack, Richard L

MASTER SERGEANT
Connerly, Jesse Martin
Dover, Donalin Martin
Fuentes, Anthony M
Grove, Jason B
Grow, Harry Smith II
Hansen, Tyler James
Jean, Lester Joseph III
Robson, Mitchell T
Sandoval, Steven H Jr
Smith, Evan E

TECHNICAL SERGEANT
Baker, Ryan S
Beh, Abraham G
Belgard, Thomas Jay
Bell, Landon Gary
Bender, Megan Alaina
Brown, James Oakley III
Cox, Brian M
Greenwood, Christopher Quinn
Mickelson, Jeffery Van
Morton, Jason Donald
Mosher, Jeremy D
Reaves, Allen Scott
Wilson, Andrew Joseph

STAFF SERGEANT
Allbee, Kevan D
Augustin, Gregory Jeanluc
Bennett, Randy Jonathan
Bernal, Jessica E
Burke, Stanley W
Burket, Cody R
Chambers, Samantha Rose
Cragun, Nathaniel P
Grewal, Arielle B
Johnson, Allison N
Marrott, Jesse B
Marsh, Nathan J
Prince, Lynn A
Rollins, Tyler B
Taylor, Sara L
Wright, Amanda Mae

SENIOR AIRMAN
Baker, Jaycee L
Bentley, Kristin
Brown, Cyle W
Brown, Dallen W
Burks, Curtis J
Chadwick, Nicholas W
Douglas, Abby L
Eddy, Luke J
Evans, Daniel W
Farnsworth, Jeffrey D
Fenn, Randall J
Gustaveson, Shawn A
Hafen, Bryce A
Jimenez, Daniel A
Kaldhusdal, Sean C
Moss, Garrett S
Nguyen, Jimmy D
Noorda, Kent W
Pratt, Seth M
Sackett, David C
Tueller, Cory R
Vasquez, Francisco A
Verdine, Priscilla Melo
Williams, Aidan F
Winget, Christian W

very dedicated and work extremely hard every day to keep our aircraft in as good of shape as they are in."

In addition to achieving a high mission capable rate, during this time the group also deployed more than 120 individuals and several aircraft in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Inherent Resolve, and agile combat for Air Force operations and North Atlantic Treaty Organization operations.

"We can't be successful in our mission without the contributions of each and every member," said Melton. "I am so proud and impressed everyday with how well these maintainers are able to keep our 51-plus-year-old jets flying and in such great shape." "They hit an all-time record again in fiscal year 2015, flying over 5,420 hours," she said. 📌

Army Promotions

COLONEL

Anderson Brent Fife
Burnhope Scott Kent

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

Cox Benjamin Wayne
Felder Joseph Samuel
Scott Samuel Carl
Stucki Jonathan Bruce
Terracino David Stewart
Williams Parker Heath

MAJOR

Anderson Brett Wayne
Bolliger Benjamin Jackson
Duncan Brent Leroy
Fullmer Jeffrey Darrell
Goodrich Mark A
Greene Thomas Joseph
Hathaway Jason Logan
Johnson Bradley Carl
Leitch Kevin Richard
Thomas Jaime Rae

CAPTAIN

Spencer Douglas James
Croft Aaron Michael
Dagostini Adam Shaun
Dilworth Vincent Edward
Ellertson Bradley Neal
George Jeffrey Carl
Hansen Jerod Willford
Ingebritson Jacob David
Jackson Mikel Justin
Jewkes Andrew James
Lee Jacob Robert
McCurdy David Alan
Rodriguez Ryan Joseph
Russell Branden Michael
Sanderson Jacob Brian
Sjostrom Whitney Bryanne
Sorensen Shane Tucker
Stafford Justin Nile
Thompson Michael Allen
Waddell Ammon Ray
Winder Joshua Logan

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Scott Samuel Carl
Stucki Jonathan Bruce
Terracino David Stewart
Williams Parker Heath

SECOND LIEUTENANT

Rhodes Joseph Alan
Bowman Colter Hill
Broadwell Jonathan Thomas
Brown Jonathan Rudy
Calder Tyler Stirling
Chadwick Charles Thomas
Chadwick Shayne Mickel
Fernelius Bryce Derek
Flores Dustin Kealii
Guerra Jozeline Kassandra

Hunt Joshua Jackson
McDonald Neil Arthur
Rayner Thomas Allen
Sharp Gabriel John
Shields Gabriel Cole
Smith William Harrison
Stodtmeister Kyle Max
Taylor Austin John
Welch Michael Joseph
Woods Randan Elmo
Young Chayden Powell

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 5

Kleinhandler York Jay

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3

Densley Ted Hughes
Hunsaker Adam Hall
Pannell Lucas James

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2

Crookston Thomas David II
Groth Joshua Coleman

WARRANT OFFICER

Badgett Chad Eric
Boardman Levi Eugene
Creamer Nicholas Lamar
Holt Jeff Michael

COMMAND SERGEANT

MAJOR

Bailey Edward Alex
Nielsen Spencer Douglas

SERGEANT MAJOR

Hegg David Scott

FIRST SERGEANT

Carlson Jonathon Joseph
Jones Brock Michael
Kitson Carl Jonathan
McDonald Brady Demille
Rentschler Norman Pepper Jr
Sower Tamara Lyn
Turville Samuel James

MASTER SERGEANT

Baba Jeffrey Dennis
Caro Daniel Christopher H
Eliason Mark Thomas
Fries Jason Paul
Ingels Robert Ray II
Lee Allen Blair
Schmolke Joseph Scott T
Ward Matthew Karl

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS

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Kaleikini David Joseph
Konery Aron Vincent
Labas Jacob Paul

Leiendecker Todd Eric
Massey Lewis Nathan
McFarlane Kale Alan
Nelson Layne Carl
Patterson Lee Demar
Sandberg Steven Blake
Shields Russell York
Solie Eric Lee
Strain Donavon Douglas
Wilde Donavin Kirk

STAFF SERGEANT

Barton Jesse Ray
Boren Jason Frederick
Carter Shane Michael
Cazares Laman Joseluis
Dacus Billy Dale Jr
Dalton Ashleigh Bambi
Davidson Morgan Enoch
Davis Jason Victor
Dutton Stan Kelly
Edwards Christopher
Michael
Engberg Patrick Levi
Fakhrolmobasheri Abbas
Fuchs Andrew Peter
Gonzales Anthony Arthur
Hansen Dustin Gary
Hofman Janiece Pugh
Ichikawa Makoto
Jairala Tatiana Ashley
Jensen Cabe Arvie
Johnson Garth Larry
King Chad Laverre
King Samuel Forrest
Lake Spencer Robert
Liljenquist Nathan William
McLeod Brodie Jay
Mehn Travis William
Mellor Taylor Melvin
Miller Nathan Gilson
Mitchell Glenn Blaine
Moeller Scott Michael
Moreno Juan Maricio Ortez
Murphy Michael James
Orozco Rafael Gabriel
Skougard Jacqueline Taylor
Sorensen Daniel Jay
Taylor Douglas Gerald
Trostel Zachary Thomas
White Travis Raymond
Wilcox Brady Layne
Wilson Greg L

SERGEANT

Adams Katherine Lynn
Aiello Austin Scott
Alcala Maira
Alfaro Adam David
Aponte Esther
Baker Matthew Clinton II
Bandley Justin Allen
Blackburn John Yancey
Bonar Blake Wesley
Bradford Brady Bert
Cady Matthew Thomas
Caldwell Kaitlyn Alyssa
Chapman Patrick Michael II
Christensen Brett Bulloch

Conrad Grant Andrew
Cox Sarah Marlene
Darger Alan M
Deis Brett Thomas
Demasters Orlas Gwaine

Ek Riley Alan
Fernstedt Sam Ray
Ferre Jessica Angie
Fox Matthew Joseph
Gomes Jubal James
Gonzales Justin Eric
Harmon Jace Bret
Hemsley Kenton Ashley
Hopkins Steven Joseph
Houston Hashim Benjamin
Hulsey Brandon Lee
Jackson Christopher Scott
Jensen Andrew Robert
Jensen Jeffrey Ray Devere
Jones Ben A
Kleinman Jacob Moroni
Lawrence Akasha Skye
Lefevre Shad Young
Lewis Dewayne David
Liston Brad Paul
Lopez Andrea Maria
Loyd Scott Michael
Marshall Michael Prentiss

Maxfield Cory Allan
Merkley Brett Calvin
Meyer Madeline Nicole
Midgley Steven King
Miller Samuel Christian
Morris John Carl
Moser Patrick Guy
Murray Michael John
Omer Joshua Mark
Person Timothy Dean
Potter Richard Lewis
Preslar Ryan Michael
Quichocho Gerome Paul Debib

Rice Cory Patrick
Richards Christian Alan
Robinson Devante Marquis
Romero Alex Timothy
Rosen Alex Christopher
Scheetz Adam Michael
Sharpe Dezerae Maria
Sims Charles Jacob
Sloan Matthew Brian
Snow Benjamin Charles
Starkey Kristopher Matthew
Strader Aaron Christov
Taylor Jesse Scott
Thompson Stuart Alexander
Thurman Jacob Robert
Thurman Jordan Colt
Tuttle Amber Lynn
Wally Reed Ammon
Whittier Jacob Joseph
Young Joshua James

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Alder Brianna Grace
Anderson Kip R
Bagley Christopher Jesse
Barlow Neal Patrick
Berdan Lacey Marie
Boring Eric Steven
Boyce Andrew David

Brinkerhoff Shaun Allan
Brown Jennifer Ann
Browning Casey Collins
Bunn Kolton Rick
Burroughs William Connell
Butterfield Danny Robert
Byrne Peter Madison
Cather Dakota Paul
Chamberlain Isaac Austin
Cooper Joshua Ron
Cornell Dalin Thomas
Covington Mikah Anna
Cox Milo Chandler
Darby Adam Stephen
Dkhissi Rabab
Dominguez Linda Elizeth
Erickson Jordan Michael
Escobar Mynor Renaldo
Fager Aaron Klinesmith
Farnes Clayton John
Fawcett Joshua Michael
Fischer Daniel Alvin
Flores Karen Lizbeth
Gibson Anthony Michael
Glancy Spencer Blair
Goyen Brad Arnold
Green Kade Shane
Hall Jesse Legrande
Hansen Gavin Collingford
Hansen Otto Travis
Hartle Oksanna Solayne
Hasmorh Leah Rose
Henrie David Earl
Hickman Justin Floyd
Hilbert Laura Katherine
Hill Taylor Crosby
Horlacher Jeremy Samuel
Horne Collin James
Huddleston Andrew Isaiah
Hudson Elizabeth Joy
Hunsaker Jordan Alan
Hunsaker Timothy Deem
Jaramillo Eddie Mikel
Jeffs Curtis Jessop
Johnson Andrew Phillip
Johnson Brandon Thomas
Johnson Colby Matthew
Johnson James Rex
Juarez Jessie Anuar
Kaggie Samuel Austin
King Benjamin Morris
Kirby Patrick Gonsalves
Laita Cheyne Talo
Langston Clayton Hale
Lee Joshua Alexander
Lobato Gino Lorenzo
Lowder Bryan James
Lucero Alejandro Delfino
Lundquist Ryan Jay
Lybbert Dustin Allen
Martin Mark Dwayne
McFadden Brianna Kelsey
McKinlay Bracken Del
Meacham Jeffery Allen
Mechling Kyle Donald
Michael Justin Kelley
Middleton Devon K
Miller Nick Ronald
Miller Thomas Richard
Mitchell Carter Dean
Mowatt Brady Alexander

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Murray Jacob Ronald
Nash Payton Allan
Navazapien David
Nielson Toni Larena
Njord Tait Eric
Ocul Nevada Daniel
Packer Raigne Dakota
Palander Curtis Carl
Parker Harrison Levi
Pascale Jonathan Paul
Petersen Myles Lynn
Prather Ryan Nicholas
Richardson Adam Theodore
Richwine Chance Michael
Roberts John Yashko
Rogers Hannah Marlene
Rolf John Taylor
Rousseau Natalie
Ryan Timothy Michael
Saiz Sterling Langdon
Saunders Eric John II
Scherf Alexander
Schmutz Zachary Paul
Searcy Brayden Thomas
Simmons Marc Ben
Snarr Robert Bryan
Snow Weston Perry
Sorensen Nicholas R
Stamp Bryce Alex
Stevens Thad Riley
Stewart Amanda Leigh Fawn
Swan Zachary Paul
Taylor Kiel James
Terry Tyler Creg
Thomas Martina Marie
Thompson Joseph Robert
Thompson Sara Elizabeth L
Tingey Trevin Shawn
Trujillo Marco Isidro
Turk Timothy David
Umana Teddy Alexander
Vandenboomen Rachelle J
Vonhatten Kristina Nicole
Warner Derrick Sterling
Warner Regan Stan
Webb Travis James
Welcker Christopher Paul
Whitaker Kaleb Chad
White Ryan Edward
White Ryan Lynn
Whitmore Kevin Milton
Wilcox Jace Russell
Williams Matthew Ryan
Winward Robert Michael
Worsham Cameron Alan
Xiong Phanatchon Chao
Zamoramonterroso Mario F
Zitting Stephen Clayne

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Anderson Tyler James
Antonich Brayden Robert
Arnold Lucie Allie
Atilano Adriana
Avery Brenan Tyler
Barnes Kiowa Leigh
Barrett Bradley Dennis
Beck Dallin Shawn
Bess Zachary Grant
Blanchette Ian Warren
Blotter Robert Dale

Broadway Jacob Scott
Brown Spencer Allan
Bruhjell Daryn Thomas
Bundy Derek Bret
Bushman Carter David
Carlin Joseph Michael
Carson Triston Kalob
Carter Caden
Carter Matthew James
Casillas Miguel Angel
Chaffee Zachary Payat
Christensen Cody Merrill
Christie Carter Keanu
Clark Jessica Leanne
Clarke Kaleb Troy
Clarke Morgan Teresa
Clements Samuel Edward
Contreras Jordan Omel
Crowther Mark Spencer
Dally Calvin Quentin
Deleon Monica Anne
Denos Andrew Samuel
Deveraux Braxton Corey
Elmer James R D
Enlow David George
Ewell Brendan Walter
Fallentine Nathan Michael
Farrer Justin Crue
Figueroabarbosa Stephanie
Flygare Casey Leo
Fordham Michael Conner
Francoparamo Chris
Friaca Henrique
Fuentes Anthony
Georgianna Jared Wesley
Gines Kolby Levaughn
Ginter Lena Elise
Gomez Gerardo Ruvalcaba
Goodwin Bradley Allen
Gorder Gage K
Guadarrama Frederick A
Hall McGregor Ira
Haltiner Toby Issac
Hammond Logan Jd
Haws Gary Nathan
Heninger Jonathan Glen
Hernandez Jake Edward
Hoffmann Morgan James
Howard Jordan Lamont
Hunt Jesse Brook
Huntington Ethan Richard
Huot Sidney Tel
Jackson Garrett Adam
Jensen Taylor Andrew
Johnson Bradley Chase
Jones Lorin Breana
Karony Braden John
Keele Dylan Khol
Knighton Kolton Jay
Knuckles Tyler Robert
Langi Paul Tonga
Largin Dallin Ray
Larsson Stephen Richard
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Leash Ryan Neil
Lefevre Tanner Kenneth
Leigh David Terrance
Lewis Andrew Gregory
Mackintosh William Jr
Martinez Kaitlyn Corin
McBride Riley Morgan
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McCurry Caleb James
McDougle Kyle Patrick
Mears Jordan Aaron
Mecham Logan Donald
Menlove Parker Thomas
Miller Vincent Robert Neal
Miller William Kenneth
Moore Tyler Matthew
Morse Robert Sloan
Neil Anthony Scott
Ng Spencer Siu Kan
Nielson John Rollin
Okland McKinley Golder
Pelaes Daniel Jesse
Petersen Reid Daryl
Rebaza Jaime Marco
Reeder John Scott
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Renaud Lot Augustine
Rhodes Amber Marie
Ro Nathan Randall
Roberts Brant Lee
Roberts Sirius Knighton
Robinson Christopher J
Romero Michael Ronald
Roper Joshua Joe
Rowell Scott Phillip
Sanders Austin Lee
Sandoval Macarena Ayelen
Scott Joshua Curtis
Scrivner Shane Michael
Skinner Riley Jeff
Socha Isaac Taylor
Spencer Meagan
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Strait Austin Dale
Sullivan Paul Howard Jr
Tamashiro Aaron Sanra
Tharp Jaycee
Thomas Devin Connor
Tindell Kylie Christine
Vandyke Kayden Delmar
Vigohayes Justice Bradley
Wells Tyler James
White Caleb James
White Jaymon Phil
Zumwalt Khamchaunh Jacoblee

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Baker Chance McAllen
Barnes Joseph Smith
Begay Joshuaun Joshua
Biddinger Gage Richard
Bigelow Wyatt William
Burge Zachary Scott
Cannon Morgan Cheyenne
Carroll Kamber McKay
Caton Gregory Nicolas Jr
Cebrowski Benjamin B
Cheney Cristian Jacob
Christensen Joel Adam
Cooper Tayler
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Davis Michael Shannon
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Drechsler Derek Anderson
Eggleston Taylor James
Elliott Avi Django

Esparza Ramon Sanchez Jr
Ewell Rayjun Cj
Folston Joshua Tyler
Galetka Tyler Wayne
Garciaearlewine Marley J
Gaus Jonathan Francis
Hankins Samuel Wyatt
Hansen Sadie
Hawks Christopher David
Heino Jeremy Robert
Hess Morgan David
Horrocks Kyle Aaron
Iverson Jared Thomas
Jackson Adrian Dale
Jenkins Colton Lawrence
Johansen McQuade Ryan
Jolley Rachael Dee
Juarez Marcelo Manuel
Lowder Quenton Scott
Lundberg Colton John
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McKinlay Bo D
Mecham Amber Starr
Mills Harrison S
Minion Tommy James
Musselman Brandon Shane
Park Joowon
Pedro Benjamin Malan
Perez Alvaro Melquisedec
Porter Nathan Fred
Rojas Jessica Cuevas
Rundell Jonathan Charles
Shute Gordon Eric
Simons Mathew Oakley
Stokes Parker Duncan
Terry Anthony Gerardo
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Tisdale Dylan John
Turner Taylor Elizabeth
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Uden Dillon Dale
Uhl Zachary Thomas
Umipig Richmond
Vanderbeek Andrew Jester
Ward Jacob Henry
Wardle Brooklynn McKenzie
Williams Caiden Charles
Williams Nathan Alexander
Woodley Dakota Hunter

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Arteaga Angel Anthony
Awong Carley Kaipolei
Baird Nicholas Dale
Bell Ryan William
Besendorfer Benjamin Aaron
Betts Gentry Brad
Bluth Bryton Daniel
Bourne Nicholas Ronald
Brinkerhoff Jacob Grant
Brown Kaden Kenneth
Robert
Bruce Adrianna Michelle
Cannon Patrick James
Carver Jason Philip
Chapman London Dean
Christensen Jordan Jeff
Christiansen Michael Lee
Cluff Kyle Junior
Cobb Dylan Richard

Cook Westley Collins
Cowley Jaymin Charles
Croft Scott Braxton
Dayton Christopher Richard
Diaz Arturo
Dyer David James
Flores Marc Anthony
Frost Heather Lynn
Gonzales Devon Michael
Gonzalez Davian
Gray Brandon James
Griffiths Shane Craig
Hancock Trevor David
Haney David Paul
Hankins Mayson Matthew
Harris Parker Scott
Haslam Reyn Scott
Heaton Jacob C
Helm Kolton Russ
Hicks Payton Lee
Jeffs Ian Barlow
Jeffs Matthew Wall
Jensen Joseph Andrew
Johnson Nathan Samuel
Jorgensen Roger William
Joseph Brooklyn Jade
Kaahue Keaweamahi Haine L
Kawai Joshua Reeves Hideo
Kelly Kole J
Kurtz Alexander Paul
Larsen Collin Archie
Latu Isaac Rastermon
Lewis Erika Sage
Linville Justin Almer
McGee Kaitlin Elizabeth
Melendez Michael Garrett
Mendezcorona Noe
Merrill Gavin Randolph
Milburn Carek Dawson
Miyasaki Matthew Thomas
Monterroso Samuel Francisco
Murphy Maxwell George
Nicholls Dakota James
Oakeson Greg Spencer
Owen Martin Nathaniel
Pantaleon Samantha
Peterson Travis Lee
Phalen Tyler Joseph
Pierce Braxton Lee
Pritchett Kyle Ethan
Probert Curtis Gene
Pulli Alexandria Claire
Ray Chelsea Leigh
Robb Zachurey Myles
Roberts Tyler Luke
Rodriguez Estrella Fransica
Rollins Braeden Rance
Schmoyer Trey Thomas
Serrano Roberto Noe
Sevy Mason Neil
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